

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 11 are the only independent claims.

Double-patenting rejection

In the Office Action, claims 1-6 and 11-16 are provisionally rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double-patenting as unpatentable over claims 1-6 of co-pending application published as US2007/0113545, i.e., U.S. Appl. No. 11/595,822, now U.S. Patent No. 7343737 ("the '737 patent").

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested. A Terminal Disclaimer over the corresponding U.S. patent was submitted with the response to the previous Office Action on June 23, 2008.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the invention as presently claimed is patentable. It is believed that the claims are in allowable condition and a notice to that effect is earnestly requested.

In the event there is, in the Examiner's opinion, any outstanding issue and such issue may be resolved by means of a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of the response period. Please charge the fee for such extension and any other fees which may be required to our Deposit Account No. 502759.

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